

LOCAL NEWS.

TIME TABLE—A. T. & S. F. M. R.	
GOING EAST.	GOING WEST.
Passenger, 12:55 A.M.	Passenger, 3:55 A.M.
Passenger, 12:55 P.M.	Passenger, 3:55 P.M.
Freight, 7:50 P.M.	Freight, 1:50 P.M.
Freight, 7:50 A.M.	Freight, 1:15 A.M.

We don't hear of any moonlight promenades to the graveyard.

A number of our citizens attended the grand Masonic convocation in Chicago.

A Harper county farmer offered to sell a load of 80 watermelons for one dollar.

The rains of this week will insure fall planting; and a number of farmers are preparing the ground for wheat.

Mrs. R. W. Evans and four children left Saturday night for Galena, Ill., where they will be absent a couple of months.

The Leavenworth Times clipper found the body of the drowned Amos Quiter. We gave that narrative for home amusement.

Col. John W. Straughn has some mining claims in Colorado that promise rich developments. We shall be glad to hear of the Colonel becoming a bonanza king.

The machinery for the sugar factory has arrived at Larned, and the erection of the necessary buildings is being pushed with all possible speed, says the Optic.

The monotony of the city was relieved on Tuesday by a walking match—12 miles in two hours by a professional trampster. The Professor beat the time five minutes.

Watermelons are becoming plentiful and cheap in this market. We can't say that we like them so well this year, since Tanner broke his fast—breakfasted on them.

W. Tarbox occupies the residence lately purchased by him of John Cornell, situated west of the school house. We are glad to see stockmen taking up permanent quarters in the city.

The young ladies of this city enjoy themselves these moonlight evenings by sociable parties. Sleight of hand performances is one of the pastimes, being introduced by Prof. Rice, late of Pueblo.

A Meade county man says A. F. Lea was doing well at last accounts. The next man from Meade county we meet will tell us there are no fleas in Meade county. Not they have all come up to Dodge to get rid—and they are getting their work in right lively.

Mrs. Louisa M. Emerson, daughter of J. W. Day, of Austin, Texas, died of consumption in this city Wednesday morning. Mrs. Emerson came to Dodge a short time ago for the benefit of her health, but the insidious disease had taken a firm hold, and the body passed to the far off bourne.

The call for a Republican county convention is made for August 28th and not September 18th, as published in the Globe. The mistake was made by the Secretary of the County Central Committee, who furnished the copy to the Globe, and who assumes all blame. Primary meetings for the selection of delegates to the county convention will be held next Thursday.

Mrs. Kelsey, wife of J. S. Kelsey, died on Sunday evening, of congestive chill. She was taken ill on Saturday morning. Two daughters, age 7 and 4 years, are left to the care of the afflicted father. The deceased was buried in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Monday, Rev. O. W. Wright conducting the funeral ceremony. Mr. Kelsey has the sympathy of the community in his sad loss.

The rain Sunday, Sunday night and Monday night was copious and timely. No rain had fallen for two weeks, and the grass was parching under the scorching sun and dry winds. The rain commenced in a drizzle on Sunday morning, and continued in showers until late at night and next morning. The Signal Officer reports a fall of 1.74 inches. The rain Monday night measured 0.18 inches, making nearly two inches of rain for the two days.

The projected lines of railroad in the vicinity of Medicine Lodge, Wichita and other points is creating a feeling of apprehension in the minds of some of our citizens. It is reported that a road will be constructed on a line forty miles south of Dodge, and having a terminus in Meade county. This would establish a cattle town at that terminal point and draw the cattle business from this city.

But such a thing is not likely to happen for a few years at least, for several reasons. It is well known that all competition is against the Santa Fe and St. Louis and San Francisco roads. These roads are not practically one; they are operated as distinct roads, but they have an alliance in their progress, and do not share in the benefits of their business as the establishment of the latter road has reduced freights to Wichita. There is building up against this monopoly several roads managed by corporations depending upon aid from counties through which they pass. It is well known that the St. Louis and San Francisco road contemplates extending its line west of Wichita, striking Dodge City. Until this is done other roads will not push ahead through unorganized counties. The main business of the cattle shipping is being already transacted within their limits. The establishment of a competition at this point would draw more railroad lines hither, and not at a point either south or southwest, unless the cattle trade was diverted there through other causes. There are well defined principles that govern all actions; and there is a rule governing the building of railroads; and the rule is to get or share in what other people have. Comanche, Clark and Meade counties can offer no inducement to railroads; they have no business for one. It is not likely that the Santa Fe road will allow business to be taken from its main line. Its purpose is to keep out other roads, excepting perhaps the extension of the San Francisco road; and then finally this road will make a diverting course to the southwest.

Dodge City will enjoy the cattle trade until shut out by settlements on the south. The business will grow larger for a few years, but may be not so profitable as some people would wish. The cattle business is growing every year, but it has dropped the "hurrah" trade. Things have come down to a steady purpose, probably within a narrower limit in some respects; but it does not augur any ill-fate to the country. Some people will profit by it.

We long ago expected to see the railroad engineers marking out lines on our southern boundary; and we are surprised that their coming is only heralded by mere conjectures of what will likely be done. We expect to hear of a survey being made through counties on the south; but when the railroad is built it will strike Dodge City; and without the aid of county bonds.

Ford county is settling up with stock men, mostly sheep men, it is true; the smaller herds of cattle will follow; and there is likely to fall to the towns a steady, prosperous trade. The next three years, taking the history of the State into consideration, will probably be favorable years to the farmer; and his products added to the stock interests will place Ford county upon a prosperous and substantial foundation—and those depending for support will not expect to draw business from a large scope of country.

The Wichita Beacon says "the abnormal rates of freight on the railroads, from and to this valley, were restored on Monday last." As abnormal means without rule and irregular, we can hardly understand what condition of rates has been restored. We understood the roads were cutting their rates, thus concentrating cattle shipments much to the injury of Dodge City, depriving this point of its legitimate shipping traffic. It was learned that the regular freight rates were to be restored, and this is probably what the Beacon has reference to. Another railroad to Dodge would insure the shipments of cattle at this point, thus making a competition that would draw that business hither.

FRESH PASTURE opened one mile from town. Stock taken for pasturage. Inquire of M. COLLAR.

Another heavy rain fell Thursday night, which was the heaviest rain of the season. The rain commenced at about 2 o'clock and fell in torrents for over an hour. Two inches and 8-10ths of an inch of rain fell, making a fall of four inches since Sunday, and over four inches for the month. The passenger train Friday morning was delayed by a wash-out east of town.

John Hubbard, of Hubbard Bros., is in the city. A portion of his sheep will arrive Monday. They were delayed eighteen days by high water on the Canadian. Hubbard Bros. and D. Rope have about 13,000 head of fine graded sheep which they will put on the market.

A herder in the employ of J. T. Word met with a painful accident Thursday. He was riding on horseback when the animal slipped, falling upon the side and breaking the herder's leg. He was brought into town.

Dr. H. M. Clark, of Speareville, was in the city Thursday. The Republicans in Speareville township are organizing for the campaign.

More rain Friday afternoon. What is the country coming to?

TO RENT.

A few single rooms to rent in the Globe building, above the saddlery store. Inquire of M. COLLAR.

The Perkins wind-mill sold by Colvin & Son, near Larned, is the most substantial and reliable mill manufactured in the United States; and they know how to put them up to stay; cheap to suit hard times. Try one; it will be better than many dams.

The best in the market, the White Loaf Flour. Ask your grocer.

MOWING MACHINES and parts to it, just received by M. COLLAR.

Howard & Weaver are handling everything in the line of personal property. Persons having goods or property for sale at auction should leave them in their hands. Horses sold at public or private sale. Stock selling made a specialty.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The Board of the Dodge City School District met on Wednesday, and transacted the following business:

Bids for one car load of coal were ordered; the contract to be given to the lowest bidder, for either Oage, Canon or Trinidad coal, and to be delivered at the school house October 1st. Bids received by the Director up to Sept. 4th.

Frank Franklin was appointed Janitor of the school building at a salary of \$150 per year, payable quarterly.

The school house was ordered cleaned and fitted up at a fair compensation.

Scrip was ordered issued for the payment of freight on school furniture and bell.

The hanging of the school house bell was ordered to be given to the lowest responsible bidder. Application for the contract to be made to the Director.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase two boxes of window glass for use in repairs of school house windows.

Chas. Dickerson was given the contract for putting up school seats and preparing rooms for school opening.

A Cincinnati undertaker says that he recently received a call from a lady living in the east part of the city who asked, "Mr. —, does my husband owe you any money?" She was informed that there was an account of about \$60 on the books against him, and replied: "Well, here is your money: I am that man's second wife, and I just found out to-day that he still owed the funeral expenses for the burial of his first wife, and I'm going to pay them out of my own earnings."

A good purgative medicine is one of the absolute necessities of the age. This want has been supplied by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., whose celebrated Cathartic Pills are known to be the safest, surest and best purgative medicine ever offered to the public. They are mild but certain in their effects, and keep the system in good condition.

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PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Sealed bids for the furnishing of one car load of either Oage, Canon or Trinidad Coal, for use in the school building in District No. 1, will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, September 4, 1880, at 2 p. m.; the contract to be given to the lowest bidder. Coal to be delivered October 1, 1880, at the school house. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. By order of the Board.

N. B. KLAINE,

Director, School District No. 1.

W. J. Colvin and son, near Larned, has the best lot of full blood Merino rams for sale in the State of Kansas; and the most reliable for all practical purposes, at the least figures; so say their old customers. They always have them on hand.

SPEAREVILLE NOTES.

—Pursuant to a call many of the Republicans of the east end of the county met at Speareville, on Saturday, the 14th inst., and organized a Garfield and Arthur club, by electing L. W. Nichols, President, J. W. Sallow and J. Ferrier, Vice Presidents. A committee of three was appointed by the President to draft constitution and by-laws and report at the next regular meeting to take place on Saturday, 21st, at 3 p. m.

—I. N. Van Voorhis has gone (via Warsaw, Ind.) to Monongahela City, Pa., to visit his parents and look upon familiar scenes of bygone days.

—H. B. and Edw. Slaven have returned from Colorado, having been absent since last spring.

—Rittenhouse & Slaven have closed out the remainder of their sheep to Jos. Gould, brother of John T. Gould who bought the first lot of them.

—Mrs. Myers and daughter, mother and sister of Mrs. J. M. Leidigh, have taken their departure for their home in Pennsylvania. They made many friends while here who would be happy to welcome them back.

DODGE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Annual financial report of School District No. 1, of Ford county, Kansas, for the year ending August 12, 1880:

Amount in treasury at beginning of year.....	\$ 7 40
Received of M. Collar.....	28 17
Received of State School Fund.....	290 77
Received of R. W. Evans.....	4,439 81
Received from sale of bonds.....	5,045 00
	\$9,820 24
Creditor by interest on bonds.....	\$ 466 20
Cash paid teachers.....	2,144 30
Cash paid incidentals.....	2,144 30
Cash paid on school building.....	5,045 00
	\$9,800 80
Balance in treasury.....	\$10 44

A. J. ANTHONY, Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Value of school building and grounds.....	\$8,500
" furniture.....	1,000
" school apparatus.....	250
No. volumes in library.....	54
Amount bonds issued during the year.....	\$5,045
Total amount of bonds issued since organization of district.....	\$6,545
No. mills levied for school purposes.....	15
No. acres land in district.....	45,854
No. acres subject to taxation.....	18,794
Increase of taxable property in the district for 1880.....	\$46,505 50
Assessed valuation of all property.....	167,920 24
No. school children in the district between 5 and 20 years.....	309
Number enrolled.....	229
Average daily attendance.....	169
No. teachers employed.....	4

M. COLLAR, Secretary.